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This countrywide cable reports on relevant media reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press. The Mission reports on English-language media via email through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

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NORTH KOREA  
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¶1. "NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION IN DANGER," op-ed in May 31 right-of-center Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "Being completely irresponsible and in violation of international laws, North Korea's obtaining nuclear weapons is a grave concern for international security. It will put extra pressure on the major nuclear countries and deepen the concern over nuclear weapons falling into the wrong hands. In this context, Pakistan cannot be forgotten. Since China is responsible for nuclear proliferation in both of these countries, China should deal with them."

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AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN  
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¶2. "BURNING PAKISTAN," editorial in May 30 centrist Hindi daily, NAVBHARAT TIMES: "The continuous terrorist attacks in Lahore are a major concern for India because Taliban terrorists could try to infiltrate into Kashmir. India should tighten its security. Pakistan, which is getting large amounts of U.S. aid to fight

terrorism, should eliminate the Taliban on its own. India should put pressure on Pakistan through neighboring countries to solve the Taliban problem permanently."

¶3. "RISING TALIBAN INIMICAL TO PAKISTAN'S EXISTENCE," editorial in May 31 centrist Gujarati daily, GUJARATMITRA: "The situation in Pakistan indicates that the country is gradually moving in the direction of serious internal strife. Most of the tribal areas and the area near the Afghanistan border are virtually controlled by the Taliban who are on a rampage, attacking civilian areas intermittently, the most recent example being the Lahore attack. The Pakistani army will have to act decisively to eliminate this danger that threatens Pakistan's own existence."

¶4. "HOW DANGEROUS IS THE TALIBAN FOR INDIA?" commentary in May 31 centrist Hindi daily, NAVBHARAT TIMES: "The Taliban could not be a threat to India without the Pakistani Army and the ISI's backing. And the ISI will continue to use the banned terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba against India. India must, therefore, strengthen its internal security and constantly alert the international community that, besides Al-Qaida and the Taliban, it is time to take action against all of those who are conducting anti-India activities. These elements are eventually a threat to the Americans too."

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TERRORISM

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¶5. "MUMBAI TERROR ATTACKS: REAL CHALLENGE LIES AHEAD," editorial in June 1 centrist Marathi daily, LOKMAT: "The international community has praised India for avoiding an outrageous stance after the Mumbai terror attacks. However, this global acclaim does not serve India's cause. In fact, there are far too many areas which India needs to pay attention to while dealing with Pakistani terror. India has to deal with a duplicitous America which does not feel the need to cut down on military aid to the notorious Pakistan. It has to also cope with countries like England and China which have opposed the UNSC action against the chief of the terrorist organization Jaish-e Mohammed, Maulana Masood Azar."

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PALESTINE

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¶6. "CLINTON'S ADVICE TO ISRAEL," editorial in May 30 right-of-center Urdu daily, RASHTRIYA SAHARA: "The U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's statement that Israel should at once stop the further development of colonies in pursuance of its expansionist policies, provides a ray of hope towards the resolution of the Palestinian dispute. The development of Jewish colonies can only be stopped if the Obama administration backs the stand taken by America with firm instructions."

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IRAN

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¶7. "KILLINGS OF PEOPLE IN PRAYER," editorial in May 31 right-of-center Urdu daily, RASHTRIYA SAHARA: "Blasts in the Zahedan mosque were not just aimed at disrupting the impending presidential polls in Iran, they could also have been carried out to break apart the social fabric of the country. The imam of Tehran, Jamiatullah Ahmad Khatami, claimed that the blasts could have been carried out by Israel and America to fan differences

between the Shia majority and the Sunni minority in the country."

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NEPAL  
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[18](#). "NEPAL UNREST," editorial in June 1 independent Bengali daily, ANANDABAZAR PATRIKA: "The new government in Nepal is bound to be short-lived. Maoists will have to cooperate if they want to see Nepal change into a republic. The people will not like anarchy again."  
BURLEIGH